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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DEPLOYING GEOTEXTILE TUBES

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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AMENDMENT A

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated September 18, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 7, 9, 10, 12 and 36.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for maintaining fill material solids in position to form a barrier or dam, the system comprising:

(a) a first elongated sheet of geotextile material [capable of coiling to form a helical structure];

(b) a means for seaming the first elongated sheet into a first continuous tubular-shaped container having an inside space; **[and]**

(c) at least two ballast tubes disposed within said inside space of the container; and